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research interests	computational social science, analytical sociology, text analysis, cultural change, private and public culture

current position

PhD Student in Analytical Sociology — August 2020 - present
The Institute for Analytical Sociology, Linköping University
Advisors: *Marc Keuschnigg (main), Måns Magnusson, Selcan Mutgan*
Preliminary title: *Studying cultural change in the context of public discourse with computational text analysis*

education

MSc in Sociology and Social Research — September 2018 - June 2020
Utrecht University

BA in Sociology with a minor in Data Science — September 2014 - June 2018
HSE University, St.Petersburg

research visits

Visiting Research Student in Social Research Methods — January - March 2024
London School of Economics and Political Science
Data Science Institute
Supervisors: *Ken Benoit, Milena Tsvetkova*

work experience

Research Assistant — October 2018 - July 2020
Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences
Utrecht University
with Frank van Tubergen

Research Intern — February - December 2018
Sociology of Education and Science Laboratory
HSE University, St. Petersburg

Researcher — January - December 2018
Machine Learning and Social Computing Research Group
HSE University, St. Petersburg
with Ilya Musabirov

Research Intern — June - December 2017
Public Surveys at St. Petersburg's Art Institutions
with Rita Kuleva

publications

Hurtado Bodell, M., & **Menshikova, A.** (2024). Mechanisms of change: what explains shifts in online immigration discourse after terror attacks. OSF Preprints. (*under second review*)

Menshikova, A., & van Tubergen, F. (2022). What drives anti-immigrant sentiments online? A novel approach using Twitter. *European Sociological Review*, 38(5), 694-706

van Tubergen, F., Cinjee, T., **Menshikova, A.**, & Veldkamp, J. (2021). Online activity of mosques and Muslims in the Netherlands: A study of Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and Twitter. *PloS one*, 16(7), e0254881

working papers

Menshikova, A., Czymara, C., & van Tubergen, F. (2024). "Beyond the Headlines? The Limited Impact of Terrorism and Media on Immigration Attitudes in Europe" (*available upon request*)

Menshikova, A., Hurtado Bodell, M., Magnusson, M., & Keuschnigg, M. (2024) "News media and the online public: Shared understanding of immigration to Sweden?" (*available upon request*)

Menshikova, A., Hurtado Bodell, M., Larsson, E.C., & Magnusson, M. (2024) "Integrating social theory in text analysis: constrained topic models in social research" (*available upon request*)

Menshikova, Anastasia, Miriam Hurtado Bodell, Elida Izani Ibrahim, and Felix Lennert (2024). "Do Liberals Drive Volvos Everywhere? Assessing the Link between Culture and Politics" (*available upon request*)

conferences & talks

31st Nordic Sociological Association conference Norrköping, Sweden	August 2024
16th Annual International Network of Analytical Sociology Conference Leipzig, Germany	May 2024
Swedish Conference on Computational Social Science Uppsala, Sweden	April 2024
Data Science Institute Seminar Series (**invited talk**) London School of Economics and Political Science	March 2024
Department of Methodology PhD Seminar Series London School of Economics and Political Science	February 2024
Analytical Sociology Colloquium (**invited talk**) Leipzig University	December 2023
Measuring Culture: Advancing Computational Approaches in Sociological Research Bremen, Germany	November 2023
Uppsala Multidisciplinary Conference on Migration and Integration Uppsala, Sweden	September 2023
9th International Conference on Computational Social Science Copenhagen, Denmark	July 2023
15th Annual International Network of Analytical Sociology Conference Princeton, United States	June 2023

International Workshop on Textual Politics   March 2023
organised by Sciences Po Medialab
Paris, France

Computational Text Analysis Workshop   February 2023
organised by DYSTENA research group (**invited talk**)
Stockholm, Sweden

Analytical Sociology Colloquium (**invited talk**)   December 2022
Leipzig University

Annual Conference   July 2022
of the European Consortium for Sociological Research
Amsterdam, Netherlands

14th Annual International Network of Analytical Sociology Conference   May 2022
Florence, Italy

The Research Symposium of the Institute for Analytical Sociology   May 2022
Florence, Italy

Migration and Super-Diversity: Theory, Method and Practice   March 2022
Gothenburg, Sweden

7th International Conference on Computational Social Science   July 2021
Zurich, Switzerland

Dutch Annual Sociology Meeting (Dag van de Sociologie)   June 2021
Utrecht, Netherlands

Dealing with Data: a Research Workshop   September 2020
Norrköping, Sweden

10th ACM Web Science Conference   May 2018
Amsterdam, Netherlands

XXXVIII Sunbelt Conference   June 2018
Utrecht, Netherlands

Networks in Global World   July 2018
St.Petersburg, Russia

service   *Seminar Series Organizer:* Text Analysis Research Group at IAS   2022 - present

Social Media Manager: Maintaining Twitter   2021 - 2024
and Bluesky accounts

Workshop organizer: Computational Social Science and Language Technology workshop adjacent to Swedish Language Technology Conference (November 2024)

Pre-conference organizer: Pre-conference for doctoral students adjacent to Nordic Sociological Association 2024 conference (August 2024)

Winter School Organiser: 12th Winter School
on Longitudinal Social Network Analysis (February 2022)

Reviewer: Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies (2022),
Political Communication (2023)

teaching	*Introduction to Computational Social Science*	June 2023, 2024

Leipzig University
Guest lecture: Word Embeddings for Sociological Applications

Computational Approaches   August - October 2022
to the Study of Cultural Markets and Social Dynamics
MSc in Computational Social Science, Linköping University

Behavioral Mechanisms   October 2021 - January 2022
MSc in Computational Social Science,
Linköping University

Information Systems   September 2016 - March 2018
BA in Sociology and Social Informatics,
HSE University, St.Petersburg

supervision   *Master thesis:* Quantifying stereotypes of Romanians   2024
in American print using word embeddings (*main supervisor*)

Master thesis: The role of toxic language in online   2022
discussions following collective trauma events (*main supervisor*)

Master thesis: The social and cultural dynamics   2022
of awarding the Nobel Prize (*co-supervisor*)

extra-curricular   Summer Institute in Computational Social Science   June 2021
London, UK

Second Moscow-Tartu Late Summer School on Digital Humanities   October 2017
Moscow, Russia

Web Science Summer School   July 2017
St.Petersburg, Russia

funding   Department of Management and Engineering (LiU) Travel Award
for Doctoral Students (5000 EUR)   October 2023

Utrecht Excellence Scholarship (34 000 EUR)   September 2018 - June 2020

HSE University Academic Excellence Scholarship   September 2015 - May 2017

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